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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 29, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990033

To expand the local service area
of its Clover exchange to include
Sprint/Centel's Halifax and
South Boston exchanges

FINAL ORDER

On February 23, 1999, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposed to notify its Clover exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Halifax and South Boston exchanges of Sprint/Centel ("Centel"). Customers of the Clover exchange were polled between March 17, 1998, and April 21, 1998, regarding their willingness to pay increases for local calling to Halifax and South Boston, and sixty-eight percent (68%) of those responding supported the proposal.

At that time, the Commission required Centel to conduct a cost study to allow the Commission to determine monthly rates for Extended Local Service ("ELS") from Halifax and South Boston

to Clover. Customers in Halifax and South Boston were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase for local calling to Clover, but the survey did not pass. In response to continued customer interest in ELS, BA-VA proposed in its February 23, 1999, application to expand the Clover local service area to include Centel's Halifax and South Boston exchanges without the necessity of Centel reciprocating with a similar plan. BA-VA noted that the current service from the Halifax and South Boston exchanges to BA-VA's Clover exchange provides customers with both flat and measured rate service options.

By Order dated July 28, 1999, the Commission directed BA-VA to provide notice by direct mail of the proposed increases in monthly rates. Affected telephone customers were given until September 23, 1999, to file comments or to request a hearing. On August 20, 1999, BA-VA filed proof of its direct mail notice as required by the Commission's Order of July 28, 1999. Seventeen (17) individual customers filed comments favoring the proposal. Additionally, two (2) petitions were received with signatures totaling 470 customers in favor of the one-way local calling plan.

On October 8, 1999, the Commission's Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff noted that Clover is the only BA-VA exchange that does not have ELS or

a plan, such as Community Choice, with a flat rate option to call other exchanges. The Staff recommended approval of BA-VA's application to implement one-way local service from its Clover exchange to Centel's Halifax and South Boston exchanges.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed one-way extension of local service from BA-VA's Clover exchange to Centel's Halifax and South Boston exchanges shall be implemented.

(2) BA-VA shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.